These three items of work were being handled by the Planning Commission/ Cabinet Secretariat earlier and the personnel of these two organisations were transferred alongwith the work to this Ministry. Thus additional expenditure incurred by the new Ministry is minimal. Also, viewed in the Context of the cost of these important programmes and projects being monitored, the expenditure is only a very small fraction of the total cost and is fully justified.

By the very process of monitoring the implementation of projects, shortfalls in production against the targets in the nine infrastructure sectors, and importance of the various poverty allevation programme in the length and breadth of the country, on a regular and continuing basis, the Ministry of Programme Implementation provides necessary warning signals to the implementing and supervising agencies to undertake such mid-course corrections as are necessary to achieve pre-determined targets for various projects, programmes and production in the economy.

सीमा पर सुरक्षा को मजबूत किया जाना

2654. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पाकिस्तान की आधुनिक हथियारों से तैयारी और अणु बम बनाने की उसकी क्षमता के संबंध में जानकारी है; यदि हां, तो भारत की सीमा सुरक्षा को सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गई है ; और

(ख) क्या अमरीका द्वारा पाकिस्तान को हथियार और उपकरणों की सप्लाई और उस देश द्वारा हथियारों को इक्ट्ठा किये जाने को देखते हुए ऐसी व्यवस्था पर्याप्त है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरुण सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सरकार को पाकिस्तान द्वारा अमरीका और उन्य देशों में आधुनिक एवं अत्याधुनिक हथियार प्राप्त करने के बारे में जानकारी है । सरकार को पाकिस्तान के परमाणु कार्यक्रम के अशांतिपूर्ण आयामों की भी चिन्ता है ।

इन सभी गतिविधियों पर सतत नजर रखी जाती है और देश की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाते है ।

Hill areas in Madhya Pradesh

2655. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred uestion 1013 on 5th March, 1987 and state whether no areas have so far been declared as 'hill areas' in Madhya Pradesh and if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): Yes, Sir. A Sub-Committee of the National Development Council on Hill Areas which had finalised the list of hill areas for inclusion in the Hill Area Development Programme in 1965 did not identify any area of Madhya Pradesh for inclusion. The report of the expert group on delineation of new hill areas is being processed.

Loans sanctioned under self employment scheme

2656. SHR AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of loan applications received by various banks under the self-employment scheme introduced recently for the urban poor in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of such applications which have been sanctioned and the total amount sanctioned;

(c) what is the total estimated number of urban poor in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether any time frame has been worked out to cover all eligible urban poor under this scheme and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as per the data available with them for 155 out of 198 centres in the State of Madhya Pradesh, 30,800 applications were received in those centres against the corresponding target of 16,384. The complete picture regarding the receipt of the applications, number and amount sanctioned would emerge only after the data for the whole financial year becomes available.

(c) No survey for the determination of the number of urban poor, has so far been made by RBI/Commercial Banks.

(d) No, Sir. However, the Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor would be continued for the next financial year i.e. 1987-88 also.

Acquisition of F-16C Aircraft by Pakistan

2657. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that Pakistan is likely to get twenty F-16C multipurpose aircraft which are more sophisticated than the highly rated F-16 and have superior avionics as well as greater capability to carry missiles and other weapons; if so, whether the issue has been taken up with the US Government; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the situation created by the likely acquisition of the new highly sophisticated aircraft by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government have seen press reports in this regard. Government's concern about such arms transfers to Pakistan has been conveyed to the U.S. Government on a number of occasions in the past.

(b) Adequate steps have been taken to meet any eventualities. It would not be in the public interest to disclose details regarding the steps taken.

2658. [*Transferred to the 20th March, 1987*]

Function at Madras-Kodaikanal T.V. link

2659. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had sent invitation cards to all the M.P.s of Tamil Nadu requesting them to attend the function of Madras-Kodaikanal T.V. link held in January, 1987; and

(b) if so, the number of Ministers and M.Rs. those were allowed to address the function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three Union Ministers of State, one Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu and one Member of Parliament addressed the gathering at the function.

Mounting Central spending

2660. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarared Question 1123 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it has been stated that Government expenditure had gone up 30.7 percent in 1985-86 from 9.56 per cent in 1950-51; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such mounting spent expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Insti-